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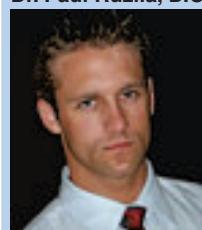
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RIDE-SHARE TO AIRPORTS

EMANUEL: RIDE-SHARE COMPANIES TO GET ACCESS TO MIDWAY, O'HARE IN TIME FOR START OF HOLIDAY SEASON

By John Byrne | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Emanuel is wasting no time launching his plan to allow Uber and other ride-share companies to pick up passengers at Chicago airports, announcing he expects to greenlight the new service within the next two weeks.

Less than a week after aldermen approved the mayor's 2016 budget, which counts on collecting \$30 million next year from ride-share companies paying \$5-per-ride fees for drop-offs or pickups at the airports, McCormick Place and Navy Pier, the mayor's office announced that "Thanksgiving travelers will have more options this year."

"With the busy holiday season approaching, the city is taking the next step to allow companies like Uber and Lyft to pick up passengers at O'Hare and Midway," the announcement says. There's a 10-business-day public comment period before the rules can take effect, so they could be in place as soon as Nov. 18.

NEW GUIDELINES

The ride-share companies will be

required to provide "airport-specific training" approved by the city to all drivers who want to work at the airports. And the companies "must have in place a process to only allow affiliated transportation network drivers who have undergone and passed airport-specific training to accept rides to and from the airports."

The companies must provide to the city a list of all their drivers and cars that have passed the special training to work at the airports, unless the company wants all its drivers to be registered to work at the airports. In that case, the Department of Aviation will just use the list of registered drivers the company provides to the city to keep track of those who are allowed to work at the airports.

The new rules also set out regulations for pickups and drop-offs at

O'Hare and Midway (see sidebar), Navy Pier and McCormick Place.

TAXI, TRAFFIC TROUBLES

Aldermen allied with taxi drivers fought against allowing the ride-share drivers at the airports, as cabbies argued that turning over the lucrative airport pickup sites that have been their exclusive domain would decimate their industry. Among other concerns, aldermen cited security worries at the airports and the possibility that thousands of ride-share drivers descending on O'Hare and Midway would exacerbate traffic problems.

Some aldermen tried to require ride-share drivers to get costly chauffeur's licenses, but Emanuel instead added 2 cents to each ride-share fare, money that will be used in part to defray costs of chauffeur's licenses for cabbies.

CAB REFORMS STALLED

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has been working for more than a year to try to get the city to lower fees and ease regulations for cab drivers. During his tough re-election fight, Emanuel backed a package of

reforms for cabbies in late 2014 as he tried to blunt union opposition and criticism from opponent Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

But as the mayor fast-tracks the airport ride-share rules, many facets of the "Taxi Fairness Ordinance" have yet to be implemented nearly a year after they passed, among them a plan to lower credit card fees for cabdrivers and allow them to share in advertising revenue generated by the cabs.

Also, the city has not yet picked a company to create a universal taxi app that would allow all cabdrivers to solicit fares on the same computer program.

"On even basic steps toward fairness for cabdrivers, the city is stuck in the mud," AFSCME Local 31 spokesman Anders Lindall said. "But new loopholes for a giant corporation that wants to offer the same service without following the same rules? Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

Asked about the timing of implementation of the different rules, Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection spokeswoman Mika Stambaugh responded only that the city is "working to ensure that travelers have options this holiday season."

NEW RIDE-SHARE RULES AT O'HARE, MIDWAY AIRPORTS

In rules released late Monday, the city Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection laid out where exactly the ride-share drivers will be allowed to collect passengers.

» At O'Hare they will be allowed to wait for calls in a remote lot, then pick them up on the upper level of the domestic concourse at spots between Terminals 1 and 2 and between Terminals 2 and 3, according to maps provided by the city.

» At the O'Hare international terminal, ride-share drivers will be able to stop to get people at a specific location on the lower level.

» At Midway the drivers will have 15 parking spaces at the south end of the cellphone lot set aside for them, and they will be allowed to pick up fares at the south end of the upper level of the terminal.

» And drivers dropping people off at the airports will be allowed to do so only on the upper level at the terminals. —J.B.



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Social media activity might affect your credit score

YOUNG MONEY

Steve Rosen

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FICO, one of the nation's largest credit rating companies, recently expanded the ways it tests a consumer's creditworthiness, including looking at information posted on social media sites such as Facebook.

The company, creator of the FICO credit scoring system, is also looking at sifting through smartphone records, according to various media reports.

"If you look at how many times a person says 'wasted' in their [Facebook] profile, it has some value in predicting whether they're going to repay their debt," FICO chief executive officer Will Lansing told the Financial Times newspaper.

Creepy? Indeed. But hardly surprising when you take a step back and consider all the ways big data searches have been creeping into our daily lives and seemingly invading our privacy.

Consider that retailers now use technology to target coupons to you based on credit card transactions. Your smartphone can serve as a road map for businesses wanting to send you offers from nearby stores. Employers search social media sites to help determine whether you're someone they want to hire.

Tapping Facebook to determine the credit quality of young borrowers—or anyone, for that matter—is just another step in this nothing-is-private-anymore process.

"These posts can come back to haunt you," said Bill Hardekopf, CEO of the **LowCards.com** credit card information website.

For years, credit rating agencies used numerical scores to determine your credit risk based on standard criteria. Did you pay your bills on time? How many times did you apply for a credit card? Did you carry over a large credit card balance every month? What's your loan payment history on car and home loans?

This payment snapshot would then be used by credit card issuers and other lenders to determine approval or denial on the plastic, credit limits and other terms.

Now, with so much more personal data out there, companies have come up with the software to capture it. Generally, the technology allows a credit rating company to

search for certain key words, phrases and slang terms for drinking and partying—like getting smashed, trashed and wasted.

FICO has noted that the new credit assessment tests are not fully intended to negatively impact a person's credit score. A clean image on Facebook, for example, might actually help a person get credit.

Still, I don't like the idea of tapping into public Facebook comments, given that young people are often prone to doing stupid stuff on social media. It's just

one piece of the snapshot, but does it make them credit risks?

Hardekopf believes there's no reason to panic since there will likely be a grading scale with the new credit evaluation tools.

It's an ongoing process, given the world we live in today, and rest assured the credit monitoring won't stop with Facebook posts.

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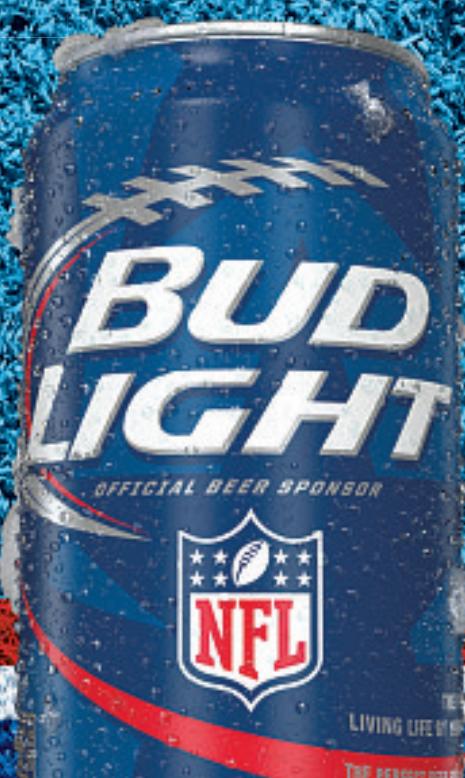
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YOUTH SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Youth Safety and Violence Prevention program at the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago operates five different programs geared toward bringing potential troublesome young adults into a supportive community.

URBAN WARRIORS

Reduces the traumatic effects of violence on "American child soldiers" and supports them through 16 weeks of structured

programming that focus on belonging, positive identity development, cognitive restructuring, coping and community engagement. Sessions are facilitated by military veterans, who are supported by YSVP staff and a coach from the Adler School of Professional Psychology.

OUR STREET AND SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

A youth outreach program that has been in operation for 20 years. Working in both schools and communities, the YSVP mentors more than 200 youth each year from South Chicago, Little Village, Pilsen, Humboldt Park and Logan Square and engages with them through sporting events and creative arts programs.

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BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

Helps build relationships between youth, law enforcement officials and other community members through story sharing and more.

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HELPING & HEALING

YMCA OUTREACH WORKERS TACKLE VIOLENCE ONE YOUTH AT A TIME

By Adriana Cargill | FOR REDEYE

Mike Almore watches them toss a worn football back and forth across the Queen of Heaven Cemetery grounds just outside Chicago. It's hot for a late spring morning as a cool breeze rolls in with a hint of rain on its tail. Almore sees Jaime, a teenager he mentors, joining a crowd that's gathering around one of the many graves. He walks over to find Jaime's friend Danny, staring down at the grave. It belongs to his father, who died of an overdose on Dec. 29, 2011, when Danny was 13 years old. That was almost four years ago, and Danny hasn't been back to the cemetery since.



Danny and Jaime are part of the Urban Warriors program at the YMCA's Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Program. Urban Warriors pairs veterans who served post-9/11 with youth, ages 13-18, who have been exposed to community violence. It's one of the programs under YSVP that tries to prevent youth from joining gangs or engaging in violent behavior. The program has been around for 20 years, but since Eddie Bocanegra became co-executive director in 2013, the YSVP has shifted to a trauma-informed approach to violence reduction. While violence is often associated with gang violence, the YSVP believes that community violence can be just as damaging. It includes sexual and domestic abuse, bullying, shootings in public places or anything that creates "warlike" conditions and psychological trauma.

This is not a job for the faint of heart. The boys continue to play football in the cemetery as if they were in a park. And maybe that's because in their everyday lives, they're closer to this place than they want to admit. Many of the teens in the YSVP know a close friend or family member who is already in the ground.

In a city plagued by violence, summertime brings a spike in shootings—more than 300 in July alone, according to the Chicago Tribune. Some 45 percent of homicides in Chicago are related to gang altercations or narcotics, states a University of Chicago Crime Lab report. The YSVP believes youth who are repeatedly exposed to traumatic stress are at risk for developing coping mechanisms such as drug use, self-harm and gang involvement. Youth are referred to the program from the juvenile justice system, the Chicago Police Department, schools and street outreach. The goal

is to reduce violence in their lives and community using peace circles, mentoring parent and teen cafes, art, sports and field trips, such as this one to the graveyard, to reach youth. Although the YMCA doesn't have data that tracks violence reduction among participants (this new approach is only two years old), entry and exit surveys of participants show strongly boosted self-image, increased hope for the future and a dramatic reduction in violence as a way of expressing their emotions.

The YSVP's outreach workers come from diverse backgrounds. Some have degrees in social work and criminal justice. Others, like Mike Almore, who has a GED, are former gang members who intimately understand the challenges that these youth face. Bocanegra says outreach workers have to be able to meet the youth on their level and understand the specific challenges they face growing up in violent, poor inner-city communities of color. They also need to be dedicated and empathetic, but most importantly resilient.

"I think my best staff members here are the people who have suffered the most," Bocanegra said. "The question I have is, what did they do with that suffering? That's where they've found much of their resiliency—in their own suffering. In the midst of those ashes, they have come out of all that hardship to do this type of work."

Almore, 42, was born and raised in the apartment building his family owns in Pilsen. He still lives there today. He's worked at the YSVP for just more than a year, but before that, he worked in a graveyard for about seven years. During that time, Jaime and his mom moved into Almore's building. He remembers Jaime as a nerdy kid with thick black rimmed glasses and disheveled black hair. Kids in the neighborhood used to bully him. His older brother joined a gang and later overdosed. Little by little, Jaime started hanging out with a rough crowd. Almore tried to warn him. He told him about his own experiences in a gang and his younger brother Caid Almore's story.

Almore describes Caid as a "hardcore gangbanger" who had a reputation for bravado. For years, the family slept on pins and needles. When they would hear a siren or an ambulance go by in the middle of the night, they'd wake up thinking, "Is that Caid?" Then, one day in 2004, the phone call came. It was 5 in the morning. Almore let it go to voicemail. It was his older brother Dino Almore telling him to call him immediately. Mike Almore remembers the conversation this way:

"Hello?" Dino Almore said.

"How is he?" Mike Almore said.

"He's dead," Dino Almore said. Mike Almore dropped the phone and started crying.

Their mother didn't know yet. Mike Almore asked himself, "How do you tell your mother her son's dead?" Caid was found shot to death in between two cars in the street just blocks from their house. Dino and Mike



Mike Almore (left) and his father sit on the steps of their home in Pilsen.



'Big Mike' Almore

Almore went over to their mother's apartment to deliver the news.

"When I heard my mom howl like that, it was from the gut. ... I never want to hear anybody's mom cry like that again," Almore said. "Nobody's mom should have to cry like the way my mom cried for her son."

Almore says preventing other mothers from going through that agony is a large part of why he's an outreach worker. Another part of him feels guilty about Caid's death. He

thinks he and Dino set a bad example by both joining gangs. Caid was a little brother following in his big brothers' footsteps.

Despite Almore's discouragement, Jaime joined a gang. Worried and upset, Jaime's mother walked the streets late at night looking for him. Part of Almore's job is working not only with the youth, but also with their families. Almore eventually persuaded her to stop, convincing her that it's dangerous to be on the streets that late and that she won't find

him. Now she stays home.

Almore sometimes gets calls late at night from parents of youth in the program who can't find their kids. Sometimes the youth call and ask him to pick them up in an emergency. For Almore, this work is redemption for his own past.

Amid the tombstones the mood of the group has become palpably somber. The football is nowhere to be found. The boys' faces are sullen, and they're nervously shifting back and forth, avoiding eye contact with the YSVP staff. Their surroundings have finally hit home. The group is talking and reflecting on how they cope with grief and loss. It starts to sprinkle big drops of rain that splatter when they hit the graves.

Bocanegra says the way he copes with his grief and honors those he has lost is by working with youth. He says Almore and other staff members like Bobby Acuna and John Vergara embody a deep sense of hope in the midst of struggling communities. It's more than relating; it's their extraordinary resilience and drive in the face of adversity that sets them apart. Rather than drag the sins of their former lives like a ball and chain, they have chosen to take those same traumas and use them as weights to strengthen the communities they work in.

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GAME OVER

FORMER PRO ATHLETE, RECOVERING ADDICT FOCUSES ON PREVENTING YOUTH DEPENDENCY

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

The toughest opponent of former NBA guard Chris Herren's career wasn't someone he faced on the basketball court. Herren was living out his dream of playing for his hometown team, the Boston Celtics, in 2000, but simultaneously, his drug addiction had him trapped in a nightmare.

Herren's addiction didn't start in the NBA. The standout high school basketball player recruited by top colleges in the country started drinking as a freshman as a way to escape the anxiety and pressure he faced in Fall River, Mass., which Herren referred to during an ESPN documentary as being like the high school football-focused town in "Friday Night Lights."

HERREN'S HISTORY

Doing one line of cocaine as an 18-year-old Boston College freshman snowballed into a drug habit that cost Herren his scholarship, got him kicked off campus and followed him to Fresno State, where he received another chance to play. He once waited in his Celtics uniform for his dealer outside the arena right before a game. His Oxycontin addiction turned into a needleful of heroin on a daily basis when he played overseas after one season with Boston.

Like with other addicts, there were overdoses, failed drug tests, rehab stints, suicide attempts, arrests and hopelessness for Herren. On the brink of losing his family, he went to a treatment center and has been sober since Aug. 1, 2008.

HELPING YOUNG, POTENTIAL ADDICTS

Herren traveled to Chicago last month to share his story with high school students and coaches as addiction specialists focus on taking a more active role in preventing substance abuse before young adults need to seek treatment.

"My mission is to help one person who struggles with addiction," said Herren, now 40.

The age range for many clients in treatment programs has shifted from late 50s to young adults ages 19 to 25, said Ramsen Kasha, executive director of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation in Chicago.

"They're starting to dabble a lot earlier. It's become clear to us that if we want to stop this

progression to younger ages, we have to get the word out sooner," he said.

DRUG USE, DRINKING BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Results from a 2014 National Institute on Drug Abuse survey conducted by the University of Michigan showed that one in five high school seniors reported binge-drinking at least once in the past two weeks. Nearly six percent of high school seniors said they were daily or near-daily marijuana users. About 14 percent of 12th graders indicated misusing one or more prescription drugs in the prior year.

This season, at seven suburban high school football fields, Hazelden put up signs directed at teens with the message that despite what students might hear or think, not everybody is drinking or using drugs, and they don't have to succumb to the peer pressure.

Sports culture is wrapped up in partying after games, using performance-enhancing drugs to get a competitive edge or taking prescription pills to play through the pain from an injury. On top of that, there's pressure to perform. The success of winning can be blinding, Kasha said.

"It's easier to say, 'I don't really have a problem despite these consequences because look at how I'm doing with my grades, look at how

I'm juggling my athletic career with my academics,'" Kasha said. "It's a perfect example of how people use deflection to deny the existence of a problem."

PREPARING STUDENT ATHLETES

"All it takes is one moment of indiscretion to lead to a lifetime of consequences," said Marc Anderson, a social worker in Wheaton who works with high school athletes on mental game coaching.

High school athletes might lose their college scholarships and may not get a chance to bounce back like pro athletes who are earning millions and have the backing of the team, Anderson said.

When addressing students, Herren said, he focuses on the first day rather than what the last and worst day of an addiction looks like. He asks students why they don't feel comfortable

enough to hang out with their friends without using drugs or drinking, zeroing in on issues of self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence.

His message to them: "I wish being me was enough. ... I wish I could look back on my high school years and know I went through all these obstacles without alcohol and drugs helping me get through it."

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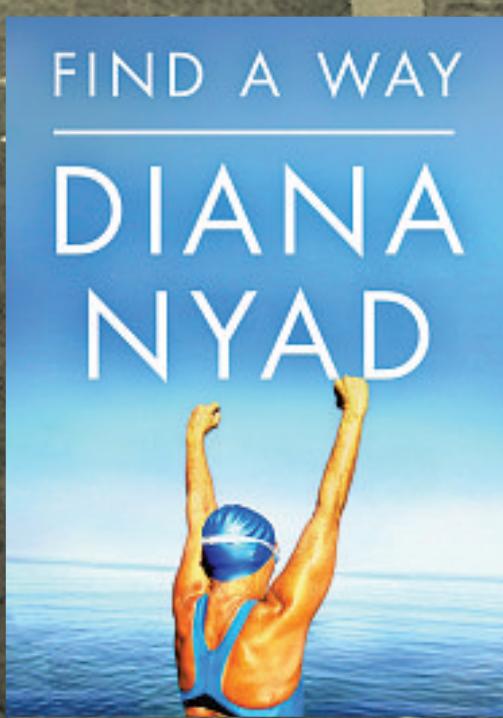
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‘WIFE SUPPORT, MAN’

By Scott King | FOR REDEYE

Having a 12-week-old daughter at home, this reporter is seeking all the parenting advice he can get. That includes asking paternally experienced Blackhawks for nuggets of wisdom. It seems it mostly comes down to “wife support, man.”

Marian Hossa, forward:

Well, I think the first couple months I stayed away and asked my wife [Jana] how to help her out because I didn’t know anything about babies and what to do. I think it just comes naturally and you become better and better [with] helping out, changing diapers. I think that’s pretty simple. Then it wasn’t a problem. I have two girls.

[My wife] knows how to handle [everything]. Now I think getting older, I’m finding

out it’s not as hard as I thought it would be and it’s a lot of fun.

Bryan Bickell, forward:

Routine. Routine of getting naps and not breaking those routines I think is the biggest thing. Waking up every couple of hours, changing diapers, feeding and things like that. That was the hard part. You get used to it. We got lucky. [Our daughter] slept through the night from three months.

We rely on [my wife, Amanda] a lot. Her job kind of is to take care of [our daughter when I’m on the road]. We have a lot of help, and she does a great job. The times I’m home I help her out and do the things that she’s normally doing to give her some time off.

It’s enjoyable. It’s awesome to have a little girl and to make that family. Hopefully we’ll make more [children]. [Laughs.]

Andrew Desjardins, forward:

It’s about just helping the wife out as best you can. It’s a harder time for your wife probably just with the feeding. I think the support is the main thing at that age. The connection is a little bit more difficult because they’re kind of

still just chilling there.

I think support, wife support, man. I have a 9-month-old boy. I think that’s the main thing is just support the wife. I think in general it’s pretty hard when they’re that young. They’re looking for the mom. You’re kind of just there to help out. Do your part, I guess. Do what you can to help out.

Trevor Daley, defenseman:

Get a good nanny. [Laughs.] No, just enjoy it. It’s the most enjoyable thing you could ever do in this world is raise a kid. So the only thing I’d say is enjoy it.

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Can't wait to see what the Wrigley marquee looks like when it returns. Even if it's exactly the same!



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1	When the Wrigley Field marquee returns, what should be different about it?	It should be all LED. What's one more, right?	Hey! How's about we squeeze another corporate sponsor up there?	List all the Cubs' World Series title years since 1908. It wouldn't change at all that way.	Give it a big pair of horn-rimmed specs, just like Joe Maddon.	Built-in Jumbotron. That way everyone who can't afford playoff tickets can watch the game from Clark Street.
2	What athlete should star in the new "Star Trek" TV show?	Martellus Bennett. I've always thought he might be from outer space.	Anthony Davis. The eyebrows alone ...	Kris Bryant. His popularity is boldly going where no Cub has gone before.	Ronda Rousey, kicking some alien ass (obviously).	Richard Sherman. I still love his rant from the 2014 NFC championship game. Instant classic TV moment!
3	Explain how you felt when you heard Matt Forte might not need knee surgery.	Damn, I was hoping for a higher draft pick.	He's pretty much the only thing the Bears have going for them. ELATED.	I was torn. Ouch. Too soon?	I felt cautious optimism and relief for the fantasy football community. (OK, that was a lie.)	Thank you, sweet baby Jesus!
4	The Cubs are the betting favorite to win next year's World Series. Good sign?	Weren't the Nationals the favorite last year? Look what happened to them.	NOPE.	Undecided. It would also mean that hell will actually freeze over and pigs can fly.	As long as Marty McFly doesn't bet double-or-nothing in "Back to the Future Part IV."	As long as they don't get the Sports Illustrated cover curse.
5	How can the Hawks survive when their star players keep getting injured?	By continuing to dip into their fountain of youth in Rockford.	You guys. A hockey season lasts like 34 months. We're fine.	Mark Wahlberg is rebooting "The Six Million Dollar Man." Hmmm.	Throwing a Sweet 16 party for every new young Hawks player might boost morale.	Don't sweat it yet. There's plenty of hockey left.

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KANE ACCUSER NO LONGER COOPERATING WITH CASE

Chicago Tribune

The woman who accused Blackhawks star **Patrick Kane** of raping her three months ago is no longer cooperating with the law-enforcement investigation, according to two sources with knowledge of the case.

The development, which was first reported by The Buffalo News, would presumably end an ugly chapter for Kane and the image-conscious Blackhawks, who faced harsh criticism for letting Kane begin the season even though the investigation was unresolved. Kane—who has been welcomed back by Blackhawks fans though sometimes has been heckled in other cities—leads the team in goals and assists after the first 12 games.

The Buffalo News, citing five unnamed sources, said the accuser signed “an affidavit declining prosecution” last week after a meeting at the Erie County district attorney’s office in western New York.

The woman’s attorney did not return calls from the Tribune seeking comment.



Kane, 26, declined to discuss the investigation after practice Tuesday and said he would only take hockey-related questions.

“There’s really no comment to be made,” he said. “So I’m not going to say anything right now. If you guys have any questions about the game last night or the game coming up against St. Louis, I’ll answer that.”

His attorney also has declined to comment on the latest developments.

Prosecutors can move forward with the case without the woman’s cooperation, but it’s unlikely that they would do so. Sexual assault cases often hinge on the accuser’s testimony and credibility. If an accuser appears reluctant or waffles on testimony, it could be difficult to persuade jurors to convict.

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ABANDONED RAILROAD LINE IN LITTLE VILLAGE EYED FOR MULTIUSE PASSAGEWAY

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By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

A stretch of land in Little Village that was once a railroad line is now a walkway of mostly gravel and overgrown weeds, a garbage dump, a junk car parking lot and even a canvas for a spray-painted Super Mario Brothers mural. But the space could become Chicago's latest rails-to-trails project city officials are calling the Little Village Paseo.

The project is a proposed street-level multi-use path about 1.3 miles long that snakes along an abandoned railroad corridor from 26th Street near Rockwell Avenue, past the Cook County Jail, Discount Mall and La Villita Park and down to 32nd Street near the Paul Simon Job Corps Center.

With the project in the very early planning stages, community organizations said the densely populated Latino neighborhood is in need of more green space and welcome the

trail, a space now used by some residents as a diagonal shortcut through Little Village.

"Spaces like these are important for the community, but there are a lot of concerns that come with it," said Luis Gutierrez, executive director of Latinos Progresando.

Among them are how the project will involve residents who live around it, from the design to artwork to construction, whether lights and bathrooms be among the features, and whether it will lead to residents getting priced

out of the neighborhood, he said.

"How are we going to ensure this passageway as beautiful as it's going to be will be enjoyed by the people who live here and not used to displace people?" Gutierrez said.

The Little Village community has been watching for the impact of The 606 since the June opening of the 2.7-mile trail that cuts through Bucktown and Wicker Park on the east and Humboldt Park and Logan Square on the west, where residents are concerned about gentrification and rising property values.

The model one organization points to instead is the Richmond Greenway, a 3-mile community bicycle and pedestrian rail-trail in an underserved community of color with little green space in San Francisco's East Bay area.

The Richmond trail is a collaborative effort to bring the community together, said Sherman Dean, project manager of edible forest

and greenway gardens for Urban Tilth, one of more than a dozen local organizations that are part of the Friends of the Richmond Greenway who serve as stewards of the space.

Urban Tilth manages three community gardens along the sides of the trail, growing vegetables, herbs, berries and fruit trees. Residents can plant, water and harvest what is grown for free as a way to create a stakeholder mentality and promote healthier living, Dean said.

"We were trying to figure out collectively how we can use this space to benefit ourselves and beautify the community," Dean said.

Urban Tilth hires at-risk youth living near the greenway with limited access to healthy foods and grocery stores. They learn about urban agriculture skills and healthy eating, Dean said. The organization is at the table when discussing plans to build a park along the greenway, to help make sure the project is community driven



and residents are involved in the design and get the jobs to build it, he said.

The Little Village Environmental Justice Organization is following the same approach for the paseo project. For the past five years, the group has been engaging the community and seeking input about what residents would like to see developed along the unused rail line. Ideas included community-designed artwork, urban agriculture, recreational space, water fountains, benches, bike racks and trees.

The Little Village Paseo, too, could serve as a connector in the community, providing access to La Villita Park, the Semillas de Justicia Community Garden, the 26th Street shopping strip and bus route, the 31st Street bus, bike lanes leading downtown and the riverfront if the trail extends slightly farther south to the Chicago River.

"There's an opportunity to develop a trail here that can have a number of different benefits to the community if conceptualized as an environmental justice project," said Antonio Lopez, executive director of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization.

The project would be bigger than simply a trail. It would be a way to transform an industrial corridor and create additional usable public space to help make Little Village a healthier community, he said.

The organization pushed to close two coal power plants and turn brownfields that sat contaminated for years into a public park and a community garden. Between the park and garden lies what would be a segment of the paseo.

In addition to being a safe way to travel through the neighborhood, the walkway could be a "living classroom" with gardens and prairie landscapes instead of only a paved trail, said Viviana Moreno, community organizer



We want to make sure the same people who fought for these things aren't pushed out and can still afford to live here."

Viviana Moreno, community organizer for Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

for LVEJO. The project could provide job opportunities for the community, but concerns about gentrification would need to be addressed, she said.

"We want to make sure the same people who fought for these things aren't pushed out and

can still afford to live here," Moreno said.

Currently, the project is in the midst of a \$150,000 feasibility study by the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Department of Planning and Development, with completion of the study expected in December or January, CDOT spokesman Mike Claffey said.

The study, which looks at how the path would be aligned and would intersect with streets, is the first step before the trail gets designed and constructed. Currently, parts of the walkway is paved and missing traffic signs at intersections and pavement markings for crosswalks.

City officials expect to share preliminary design concepts at a public meeting in December or January, Claffey said.

The later phases of buying the land from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, conducting an environmental study and creating a detailed design for the trail depend on funding, he said.

So far, there is no cost estimate for the project and no funding has been identified for future phases, he said.

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The 606
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RUNDOWN ON CHICAGO'S TRAIL PROJECTS

Rail-to-trail projects have been popping up all over the city, providing (or hoping to provide) paths for Chicagoans to walk, bike and run through city neighborhoods. The 606 and its 2.7-mile trail opened in June on what was once the Canadian Pacific rail line in Bucktown, Wicker Park, Logan Square and Humboldt Park. The Little Village Paseo is a proposed project on a former Burlington Northern Santa Fe line. What other rails-to-trails projects are in the works in Chicago? Here's the rundown of a few more.

THE ADDISON UNDERBRIDGE CONNECTOR

A bridge would cross over the Chicago River, go under Addison Street and connect trails from California Park to Clark Park without crossing busy intersections. Construction is expected to begin next spring and completed in fall 2017, according to CDOT.

THE WEBER SPUR TRAIL

A community meeting was held in May on the Northwest Side to seek input on access, recreational uses and potential features of the 2.7-mile-long multiuse path from Sunnyside Avenue north to Devon Avenue along the Union Pacific Railroad. The city estimated it would take three years to design the trail and acquire land for it.

THE NEW ERA (ENGLEWOOD REMAKING AMERICA) TRAIL

Last year, the City Council approved the exchange of city-owned land to Norfolk Southern Railway for the abandoned elevated line between 58th and 59th streets from Wallace Avenue to Hoyne Avenue so it can be converted into a 1.7-mile long trail that would link to parks and urban agriculture sites. According to The Trust for Public Land, the project is in the early planning stages. —L.V.

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Nonnas, sausages and Uber

By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

Heads up: Your grandma is coming to town this weekend. She'll arrive in an Uber-pulled tiny home on Sunday with that pasta and sausage dish you're always craving.

OK, I lied. It's not your grandma who's coming to town, but rather a sweet (and authentic) Italian Nonna. All the other stuff? Totally true. Johnsonville is teaming up with Uber to deliver free sausage-centric pasta dishes to Chicago residents on Sunday.

"We see a million marketing ideas come through our offices, and when I saw this one, I was like, 'Oh my gosh. That is so funny in a real way and so on-brand for us,'" Johnsonville Senior Director of Marketing Ryan Pociask said. "I don't know if I can think of anyone better to show up at your front door with a homemade meal than an Italian grandmother."

Pause for a second. I know what you're thinking: Johnsonville hired phony grandma actresses for the gig, right? Pociask said that's not the case, though the company considered it. After hosting a casting call for actresses, the team decided to go in a different direction and

tap into local Italian communities in search of three Nonnas. That route, according to Pociask, was fruitful. From there, the idea spiraled into a much more elaborate promotion.

"We built on the idea and said, 'What if they show up in little houses? Little houses that grandmas would live in? And have grandmas inside cooking and crocheting and writing out cards to her grandchildren?' It just felt right," Pociask said.

Johnsonville is based in Wisconsin, and Pociask said the team strategically selected the Chicago market as a starting point for the promotion. "The plan is to send the Nonnas on additional voyages as long as everything goes according to plan," he explained.

Three Nonnas—Antonia, Gina and Lida—will hit Chicago streets for several hours on Sunday. Uber users can select the "Sausage Nonna" option on the app's home screen and track delivery. Did we mention it's free?

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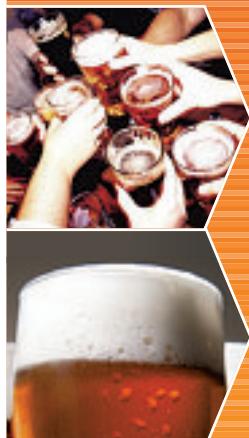




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JOJO TALKS MAKING A COMEBACK AT AGE 24, LEARNING PATIENCE & LONG-TERM CONTRACTS

By Andy Downing | REDEYE

Before Joanna "JoJo" Levesque's 16th birthday, the singer had released a pair of albums—"JoJo" in 2004 and "The High Road" in 2006—that, taken collectively, sold more than 7 million copies.

Then, like Keyser Soze, she was gone.

OK, maybe it wasn't quite so dramatic. Levesque maintained a presence both on the big screen (she played Robin Williams' daughter in 2006's "RV" and appeared in the 2013 comedy "G.B.F.") and in a series of mixtapes, including "Can't Take That Away from Me," which she released in 2010. But the singer's professional music career remained in limbo for years during a prolonged contract dispute with her former label, and only recently has she been able to pick up where she left off nearly a decade ago, dropping three potentially game-changing singles in August.

"I was told at many turns that I wouldn't be able to get out of the contract and that I would never be able to have ownership of my own voice, which was a very crazy concept because I had been singing since I was 2 years old," said the Massachusetts-native Levesque, 24, who appears Nov. 11 at a sold-out Lincoln Hall. "I considered going to college and trying to do something else, but I knew I wouldn't have been happy. I would have always wondered, 'What if I had fought?'"

Does this really feel like a reintroduction?

It feels like the start of the rest of my life. [Laughs.] It definitely feels weird to call it a comeback because I've been making music this whole time, and because I'm 24, and it feels weird to talk about a comeback at 24. I've really been held back for a while, but I think when anybody looks back at a 10-year span, they realize it never goes exactly as they planned it. This is just a part of my story, and it feels amazing to have people who have supported me this whole way and to have new people who are just starting to wake up to me.

Are you super wary of long-term contracts now? Like are you on a month-to-month cellphone plan?

[Laughs.] That's a good question. No. Contracts are scary, and of course they are binding, and that freaks me out. But, no, I have a long-term plan on my phone, and I signed another record contract [with Atlantic Records].

It does seem like your fans missed out on a

couple of landmark birthdays, so I thought I'd ask how you celebrated turning 18 and 21, in particular.

At 18 it was like, "Oh God, I'm getting old. I'm an 'adult' now." And then at 21 I was excited to be able to legally drink because I grew up in Massachusetts, which is very much an Irish drinking culture. Being able to walk into a bar and not worry was a huge deal for me. But after 21 I started to feel really self-conscious that I hadn't released music. It made me feel terrible about myself, and I started to wonder who I was if I wasn't singing and doing what I'd always done.

Obviously there are a number of instances of successful teenagers kind of going off the rails as they move into their 20s. What kept you grounded?

I think my New England upbringing kept me grounded, and just knowing I didn't want to embarrass my family. Using discretion in the choices I made was something I tried to keep in mind. I never wanted to be made an example of. But I absolutely had my moments. I've gotten super-drunk and made choices that would not make [my parents] proud. But for the most part I've tried to be good to myself. I'm thankful that in my wild, formative years I wasn't under the harsh scrutiny of the limelight. I can't imagine what it would be like to be Miley Cyrus or Justin Bieber and to fall on your face and have everybody have an opinion about it. I got to do that on my own.

What's the status of the full-length record?

When I'm finished with the tour, we'll get back into assembling the album. I've recorded dozens and dozens of songs, and there's a blueprint of songs I love most. But, honestly, I might even go back into the studio because I still want these songs to feel fresh to me. At this point it's looking like the first quarter of next year.

After waiting this long already, is that kind of patience difficult for you?

It's difficult, for sure. Patience isn't my strongest or most natural quality; it's something I had to learn. I tried to adopt a different way of thinking about things. I think if I was a little older I'd be freaking out, but because I'm still young I believe everything is happening in the time it's supposed to.

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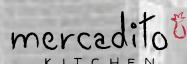
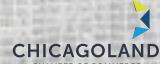
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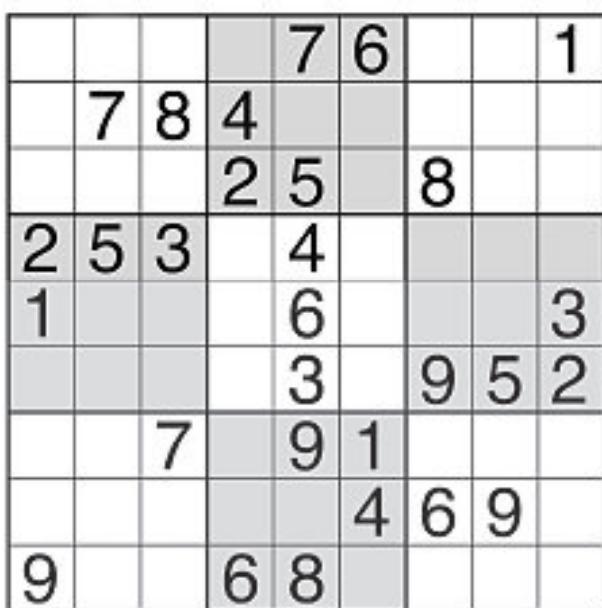


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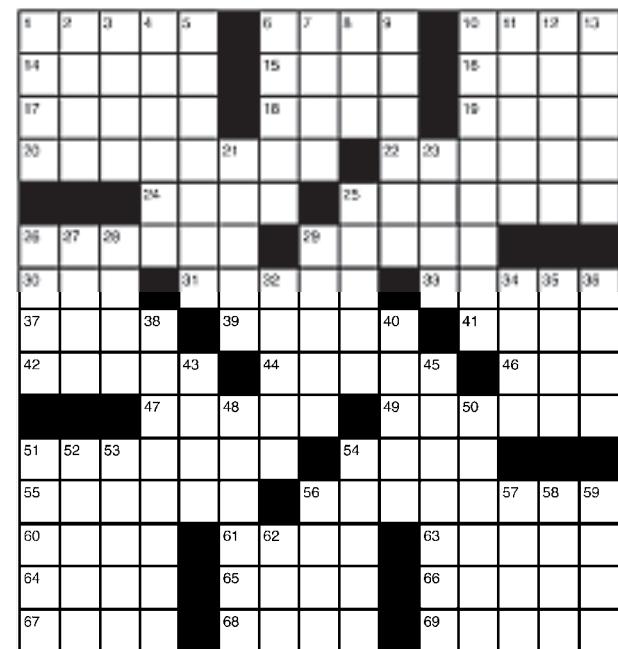
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 1 Have a snack
 6 Fellow
 10 Go on and on
 14 'The Phantom of the _'
 15 Conceal
 16 Muscle pain
 17 Puzzling question
 18 Magnetic material
 19 Godsend
 20 Musical group
 22 Wispy cloud
 24 Swimming spot
 25 _sauce: spicy condiment
 26 Voice box
 29 Had a bug
 30 Hall and half
 31 _for: desire strongly
 33 Avoid
 34 Actor with the lead role
 35 'Easy _': film for Peter Fonda
 41 _on: trust
 42 Two-__ was unfaithful
 44 Pete & Charlie
 45 Mr. Iacocca
 47 Be unable to decide: waffle
 49 Axis WWII toe
 51 Scoured
 54 Sheet of ice on the ocean
 55 Affectionate
 56 "Over the _ we watched..."
 60 TV's "How __ Your Mother"

61 Made fun of
 63 Inter exporter
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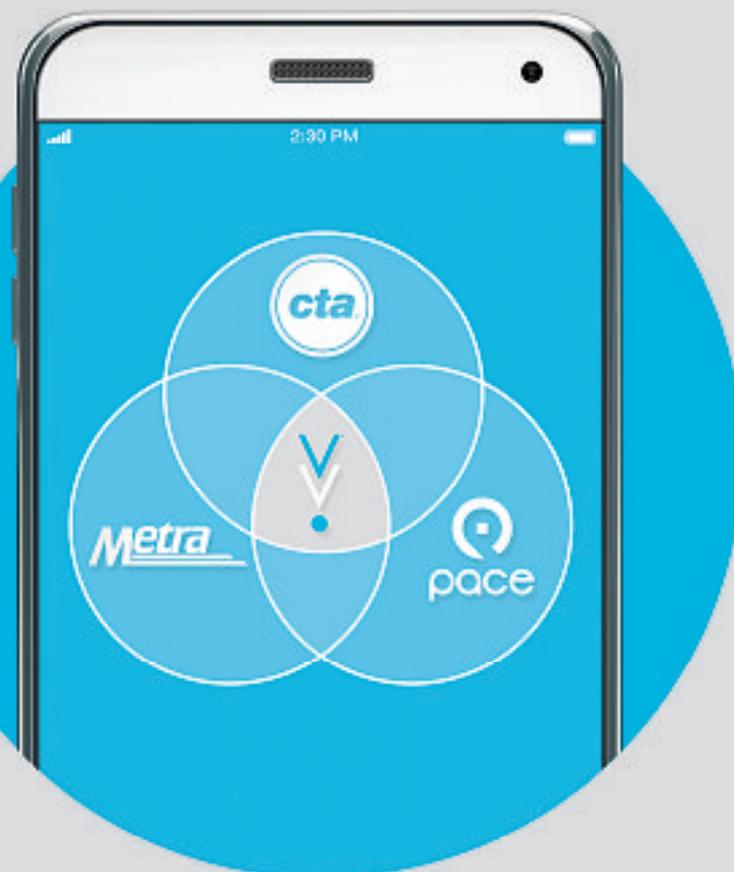


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 15 Like gooey cinnamon rolls
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 32 Merriment
 33 Facial features
 34 Begins a letter all over again
 35 Kingdom
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 43 Word of disgust
 45 On an incline
 48 Meat shunners
 50 Guide; head
 51 Scale
 52 Friend, in slang
 53 Turn aside, as one's eyes
 54 Loses color
 56 Torn in two
 57 Talk wildly
 58 You, biblically
 59 Put in order
 62 Bakery dessert



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- In the past, the word "geek" meant someone operating outside the mainstream.
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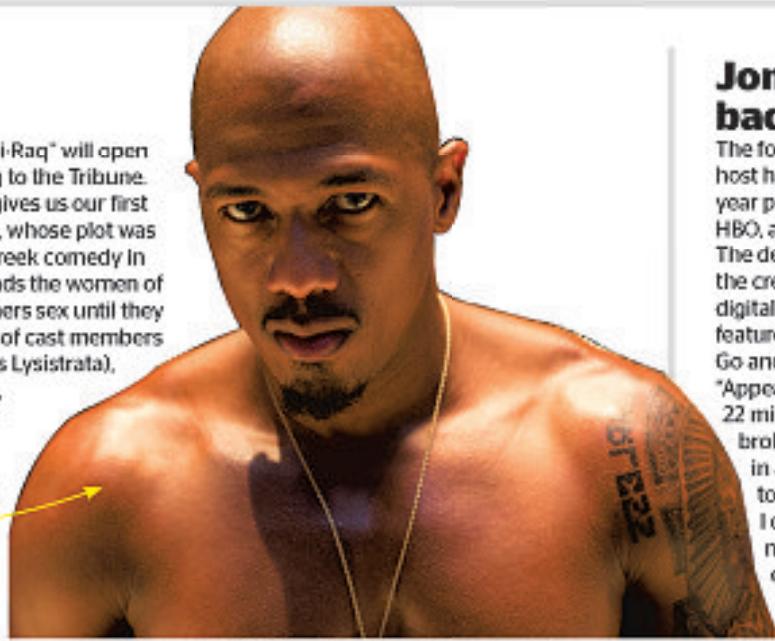
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HOT DATE

DEC. 4

That's when Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq" will open in some theaters, according to the Tribune. A trailer released Tuesday gives us our first look at the Chicago-set film, whose plot was inspired by "Lysistrata," a Greek comedy in which the title character leads the women of Greece to refuse their partners sex until they end a war. We get glimpses of cast members including Teyonah Parris (as Lysistrata),

Nick Cannon, John Cusack, Wesley Snipes and Jennifer Hudson. Oh, and Samuel L. Jackson as an orange-suited narrator. The trailer's tone is sometimes heavy, sometimes light, so we're not totally sure what to expect from the film, but we're definitely interested.



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THE QUOTE

"I'm just [bleep]ing waiting for Frank [bleep]-ing Ocean to come out with his album. It's taking so [bleep]ing long."

—Adele, to Rolling Stone, about her need for Frank Ocean to release his damn album. She realized the irony in that, though, saying, "That sounds so stupid, coming from me, doesn't it?" Her first album since 2011, "25," comes out Nov. 20.

THE DIGIT

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WE [BLEEP]ING LOVE ADELE. The British queen—not to be confused with the actual queen, who has not released a single in her entire life—keeps breaking records. Adele's latest song, "Hello," sold 1.11 million downloads in its first week, according to billboard.com. It smashed the record for downloads sold in a week—the previous record-holder, Flo Rida's "Right Round," only sold 636,000—and is the first song ever to sell more than a million copies in a week, Billboard said. Damn, girl.

Jon Stewart back on TV?!

The former "Daily Show" host has signed a four-year production deal with HBO, according to thr.com. The deal will start with the creation of short-form digital content that will be featured on HBO Now, HBO Go and other platforms. "Appearing on television 22 minutes a night clearly broke me," Stewart said in a release, according to THR. "I'm pretty sure I can produce a few minutes of content every now and again." Come back to us, Jon. We miss you.

J.K. Rowling can't be stopped

While she's been successful writing as Robert Galbraith, J.K. Rowling is still planning on writing under her own name again, according to vulture.com. "I have so many ideas," Rowling said Tuesday in a BBC Radio 2 interview, Vulture reported. "I have written part of a children's book that I really love, so there will be another children's book. And I have ideas for other adult books... I sometimes worry I'll die before I've written them all out. That's my mid-life crisis."

Damnnnnnn

Ariana Grande schooled a pair of FM radio show DJs. According to eonline.com, one of them asked her, "If you could use makeup or your phone one last time, which one would you pick?" And this is where Grande schooled the DJs. "Is this what you think girls have trouble choosing between? Is this men assuming that that's what girls would have to choose between?" Ariana Grande, everyone. Not just a doughnut licker.